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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted <u>before the mailing date of a</u>

<u>first Office Action</u> on the merits for the above-identified application. Accordingly, <u>no fee is due</u>

for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

These items, with the exception of enclosed U.S. Patent No 6,304,786, were also first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office regarding a counterpart PCT application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. Also enclosed is a copy of the PCT International

Search Report, which categorizes each of the references, including any non-English references to

be considered by the Examiner.

Please note that any notations or markings on the attached documents do not reflect

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of

M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked

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communication.

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